THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to the University Grants Commission there is no proposal to provide financial assistance to affiliated colleges which are not recognised under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act and are not fit to receive grants from the Commission under Section 12B of its Act.

Providing of TV sets to colleges in Assam by University Grants Commission

2790. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Secretary, University Grants Commission had given an assurance to provide the colleges in Assam with T.V. sets; and

(b) if so, the number of colleges which have been sanctioned the T.V. sets; and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b). In order to enable more Colleges to participate in the 'Country-wide classroom' programme the University Grants Commission decided to provide Colour TV sets to selected affiliated Colleges in different States during the VIIth Plan period. The UGC has informed that 52 colleges affiliated to Gauhati University and 33 colleges affiliated to Dibrugarh University have been identified for installation of TV sets.

Building construction projects approved by University Grants Commission

2791. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what were the number of building Construction projects of colleges under the Dibrugarh University and Guwahati University as approved by the University Grants Commission in Seventh Plan period;

(b) whether the colleges were informed of such approvals; and

(c) whether the first instalment of the aid in this regard has been released, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) The details of building projects approved by the U.G.C. during the VIIth Plan period in respect of the colleges affiliated to the Dibrugarh and Gauhati Universities and the projects for which first instalment has been released so far are given below:

	No. of Projects approved	No. of Projects for which first instalment released
Dibrugarh University	24	14
Gauhati University	26	8
	50	22